

October 4, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
445 12th Street SW, CY-B402,
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

FAME Renaissance has several programs aimed at economically empowering our community, especially seniors, handicapped, and low-income families. Our organization provides loans and professional mentors to inner city businesses, as well as assistance with employment, transportation programs and computer training.

But there are limitations to just how much we can do for our community. That is why we need your help. To lower prices and save low-income people money on their phone bills, there must be competition in the long distance telephone market. SBC Pacific Bell should be allowed to enter that market and provide real competition and more choices.

Economic empowerment includes lower prices. For lower prices, there must be competition. We hope that we can count on your help. We urge you to approve SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance market in California.

Sincerely,